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Community *notes*

Open Streets Event

The Horizon Foundation will host “Open Streets Howard County” on Saturday, June 13 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on the Little Patuxent Parkway Loop and at Swansfield Elementary School. Experience the possibilities of roads with bike lanes, bio-swailes/planters and pedestrian-friendly features. During the demonstration, enjoy fun activities in and around the LPP loop. Click [here](#) for more information.

Interested in volunteering at the event? Here are the details:

Volunteer arrival time: 7:45 a.m.

Volunteer departure time: 3:00 p.m.

Volunteer location drop off/pick up: Swansfield Elementary School, 5610 Cedar Lane, Columbia 21044

Dress: Casual clothing, comfortable shoes. Walking required.

Volunteer responsibilities include: Station monitors, water dispensers, course marshals, providing directions, conducting surveys, face painting, other jobs as needed.

Notes:

- Event is rain or shine
- T-shirt provided
- Volunteers must be available for the duration of the event. No split shifts.
- Light breakfast and lunch provided.
- ONLY STUDENTS IN 8TH GRADE OR HIGHER will be accepted as volunteers
- NHS and SSL confirmation hours provided.

Interested students/adults MUST register with the Open Streets Volunteer Coordinator Cathy Smith at cathyvsmith@verizon.net or 410-302-4662.

Greeting

June promises to be full of interesting happenings in the community. I hope that you will find activities of interest which you will also enjoy.

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Summer Festival Starts June 12

The Columbia Festival of the Arts Summer Festival presents, [Cross Currents](#), from June 12-27. Join them for the free kick-off weekend (June 12-14) at the Lakefront and enjoy a wide variety of engaging performances and activities that appeal to the entire family.

The festival continues beginning Thursday, June 17 with a reception and open studios exhibit at the Howard County Center for the Arts. Or you may wish to attend the All County Improv Performance that evening. Friday, June 18 features a performance by the Blind Boys of Alabama. Saturday's events begin at 11:00 a.m. with ARTReach arts festival at the Long Reach Village Center. There will be a presentation of *Cinema Vivant* and *Butcher Holler Here We Come* followed by a free After Party.

Do you like ManneqART? Attend the free event at Savage Mill as extraordinarily talented costumers, make-up and hair artists work their magic on live models. I'll be a model again this year and looking forward to it.

Check out the website for all the details. Stop by and say “hi” if you see me.

ARTreach Festival

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The Howard County Arts Council invites the community to ARTreach, a free, outdoor family-friendly arts festival at the Long Reach Village Center on Saturday, June 20, 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

From world music to watercolor, ARTreach has something for everyone: drop-in arts demonstrations, hands-on activities for all ages, music on two festival stages, a photo booth, stilt walkers, magicians, face painters, and more. Live musical performances range from hip hop to multicultural fusion to world percussion.

Visual arts demonstrations include: ceramics with the Columbia Art Center; chainsaw-carved sculpture with Evelyn Mogren; Chinese brush painting with Yolanda Koh; fiber arts with the Weavers Guild of Greater Baltimore; glass bead-making with Mid Atlantic Glass & Fire (formerly Mid Atlantic Glass Beadmakers); watercolor with Joyce Bell, Stephanie Lyon, and Chaya Schapiro; and woodworking with the Mid-Atlantic Wood Turners Club. A complete list of performances and demonstrations is available upon request.

ARTreach is presented by Celebration Church, Columbia Association, Columbia Association Art Center, Columbia Festival of the Arts, Howard County, Howard County Arts Council, and Long Reach Community Association. To learn more, visit www.artreachhoco.org, and follow ARTreach on [Facebook](#) and Twitter: @ARTreachHoCo.

Stress Reduction & Self-Renewal for Caregivers

The Howard County Office on Aging invites you to attend "Stress Reduction and Self-Renewal for Caregivers" on Tuesday, June 23, 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. at the Gary J. Arthur Community Center in Glenwood, 2400 Route 97 in Cooksville. The free presentation is part of the Office on Aging's Caregiver Education Series. Registration is required by June 19.

Presented by **Barbara Catlin, M.Ac.**, the workshop will focus on self-care and wellness for caregivers, as well as simple practices for stress reduction and self-renewal, and practical tips for daily living. Catlin has a proven track record of providing support and teaching useful tools for the caregiver's journey. Caregivers have said they "experienced more calm and focus," "learned ways to cope," and "had eyes opened to possibilities and doors opened to my heart."

A light supper will be offered, and respite care will be provided by the Office on Aging Senior Center Plus Program. For more information or to RSVP, contact Valerie Liss at 410-313-5980 ext. 26 (voice/relay) or vliss@howardcountymd.gov. If you need a sign language interpreter or other accommodations to attend, please call one week in advance.

Vivian Bailey Day

The Wilde Lake Village Board recently designated June 22 as "Vivian Bailey Day" in Wilde Lake. Mrs. Vivian (Millie) Bailey, a long-time Running Brook resident who is 97 years old, continues to volunteer and raise funds to help students at Running Brook Elementary School. She was recently invited to the White House where she met President Obama and Vice President Biden. In addition, Mrs. Bailey collects contributions for packages that she sends to servicemen and women overseas.

Wilde Lake Community Association invites the community to a reception to honor Mrs. Bailey for her outstanding contributions to the community. Please join your friends and neighbors to hear about Mrs. Bailey's experiences and commitment to service while enjoying light refreshments in the Bernice Kish Gallery at Slayton House (Lobby Gallery) on Monday, June 22 from 4:30pm to 6:00pm. Registration is encouraged but not required; please click [here](#) to register.

Howard County's Recycling Division

Check out the latest news from the Recycling Division.

Juice Pouches

In curbside recycling, juice and food pouches are NOT ACCEPTED. Why? They are a mix of layered materials that may include polyester, aluminum foil, polyethylene, Mylar and paperboard, plus spouts, caps, or zipping mechanisms of various plastics. Some of these materials are recyclable on their own, but they are fused together in the pouch and therefore very difficult to recycle. [TerraCycle](#) has created a mail-in recycling program for many items, including juice pouches. Consult your local school or church to see if they participate in this fundraising program.

Rain Barrel Workshops

Rain barrel workshops, offered by the Master Gardeners, normally occur on the 1st and 3rd Saturdays of the month. Check out our [News and Upcoming Events webpage](#) for details.

Household Hazardous Waste

[Household hazardous waste \(HHW\)](#) drop-off days at Alpha Ridge Landfill are **SATURDAYS ONLY** 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Share Your Ideas with Howard County Police

Howard County Police invites the public to attend its Community Policing Forum on Wednesday, June 17 from 7:00—9:00 p.m. at Wilde Lake High School (5460 Trumpeter Road, Columbia). Hosted by the Howard County Police Citizens' Advisory Council, participants will be asked their thoughts on topics such as Police Technology, Officer Training, Community Outreach Programs and Neighborhood Police Satellite Offices.

News and Event Reminders

STEM Festival

Join the 3rd annual Howard County STEM Festival on Sunday, June 7, 1:00 – 5:00 p.m. in the Science and Technology building, HCC. This free event for students K-12 and highlights the rewards of learning about science, technology, engineering and mathematics. The activities featured will be informative and fun for the whole family. For more information, visit their [website](#). Click on STEM Festival, then Participants Central, for more information.

Upcoming Capital Project on Trotter Road

Howard County's Department of Public Works Bureau of Engineering issued a notification to the community of a road closure and detour planned for Trotter Road beginning **June 22, 2015**. The closure is expected to last until the end of July 2015.

The purpose of the road closure is to construct Capital Project D-1163, Trotter Road Stream Bank Stabilization. The contractor for the project will set up variable message signs two weeks prior to beginning work in the area of the closure to inform local traffic of the change. The Howard County Public Information Office will also submit a press release pertaining to the closure & detour at about that time.

For questions about this project or the closure, please contact the Bureau of Engineering at 410-313-2414.

Sunset Serenades

The series takes place at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesdays, June 24 - August 12, is free at Centennial Park South. Bring a blanket or lawn chair, a picnic supper, rent a canoe or paddleboat and enjoy music in the park. Monetary Donations will be accepted at the Information/Marketing Table.

Travelin' Bands

These free concerts begin on June 26 through August 14, 7:00 p.m. at various locations throughout the County.

KONA ICE will be available for sale during both Sunset Serenades and Travelin' Bands. Monetary donations to benefit the Howard County Food Bank will be accepted at the Information/Marketing Table. Check out www.howardcountymd.gov/summerconcerts.htm for the complete summer concert series schedule and more details.

Financial Management Resources for Consumers

Consumer Credit Counseling Service of Maryland is now known as Guidewell Financial Solutions. They offer FREE online personal finance courses that are available 24/7. Visit their [website](#) to access the course listings. Click here to learn more about their upcoming community education workshops.

Upcoming Film Presentation

Howard County's Office of Human Rights has partnered with PFLAG (Parents, Families & Friends of Lesbians & Gays) Columbia-Howard County chapter, Christ United Methodist Church and the Unitarian Universalist Church of Columbia to host a total of six community showings of the award-winning documentary, "The New Black." Directed, produced and written by Yoruba Richen, the film tells the story of the historic fight to win marriage equality in Maryland and charts the evolution of this divisive issue within the black community.

The first screening of the film will take place on Tuesday, June 9 from 7:15 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at Owen Brown Interfaith Center, 7246 Cradlerock Way in Columbia, followed by a second screening on Tuesday, July 14 from 7:15 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the Gary J. Arthur Community Center, 2400 Route 97 in Cooksville. For the location and time of the last four screenings, email Mary Toth, Outreach Coordinator for the Office of Human Rights, at mtoth@howardcountymd.gov. Admission to each screening is free and all are invited to attend.

A moderated panel discussion on the issues raised in the film, conducted by leaders from the Howard County faith and LGBT (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender) communities, will follow each screening.

For more information about the screenings, contact the Office of Human Rights at 410-313-6430.

It's Your Move!

Be Aware of Your Options Before Hiring A Moving Company

Whether you're going across town or to another state, moving your family and belongings can be overwhelming and costly. Start off on the right foot by following these tips for selecting a mover that meets your needs at a price you can afford. Find a reliable moving company – Don't rely solely on online or newspaper ads. Ask friends and family or local realtors for recommendations and look for on-line reviews. Click [here](#) to read the full document.



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